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Lesar was to have come here today for us to talk and work on several things. Later yesterday afternoon he phoned to say that a lawyer we had offered to help had accepted that help and would be in Bud's office at 11. So, I left for DC before 7:30 this a.m., after several hours of work. Those lawyers wanted more of my files, had to leave town this p.m., and offered to rent a car for me to drive back here, then return to DC with the files. (I'd gone by bus.) Jim drove me up instead. I gave him the files for them.

Each morning this week I got up early and worked, including today. Each morning I followed the same practise. Our hifi came back Saturday, after long absence, still not working right and with a dial and a knob broken. The design of the knob on the tuning dial is such the knob is required to block the light of the dial light. Lil could not stand its glare, so I taped a piece of paper over it to block direct glare. The set did not tune correctly, so for the first time I saw how it is adjusted. The entire outside of the things can be forced, not easily. Each morning at 6 a.m. I have turned the set on to get the classical music from WETA-FM, approx 91. Each night, before retiring, if that station were not tuned in, I tuned it, set the volume low enough so that it could not disturb Lil, and turn the tuner and amplifier both off with an external switch. Or, the thing was on frequency, no more than a hair from precision.

But this evening, at that frequency was a different ~~station~~ station. Tired it on the Craign and sure enough, same frequency, different stations. Mystery. I then tried to retune the set and found that the dial would not go to the low-frequency end. So, I did what I'd see the repairman do, reset the dial, and found that what we'd been listening to was a station at about 88. On FM, this is a big spread, almost a quarter of this particular dial. Lil has been home when I was away, but she had also taken a nap. I can't imagine here even thinking of trying to move the dial, not can I see how she could have done it by accident. The needle stops at both ends.

It was in adjusting this that I noticed that the magic tape with which I'd fastened one side of the paper down, to be sure to stay over the light, was broken as cleanly as a cut or was cut.

For whatever if anything, it is worth, the two stations are much alike and not the kind generally listened to. One is a University station, the other a public. At the time we noted the wrong program, both were rebroadcasting proceedings.

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